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SUMMARY: WG REVIEWED STAFF GROUP ANALYSIS ON AERIAL INSPECTION AND CONCLUDED OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT WAS CENTRAL PROBLEM REQUIRING RESOLUTION. WHILE U.S. OCTOBER 5 PAPER FAVORS USE OF ADVERSARY INSPECTION (SUPPORTED BY SHAPE AND UK), CURRENT SPC DRAFT ON VERFICATION SPECIFIES USE OF HOST COUNTRY AIRCRAFT. WG AGREED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM CAPITALS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS. END SUMMARY

1. AT APRIL 2 MBFR WG MEETING, ALLIES TOOK UP STAFF GROUP'S ANALYSIS OF AERIAL INSPECTION (CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT AC/276-WP(74)9 - POUCHED) WHICH SPC HAD REQUESTED LAST JANUARY.

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2. UK REP (GEHRITY) HANDED OUT INTITIAL LONDON COMMENTS (POUCHED DOD/ISA AND EUR/RPM) WHICH SET TONE FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION. IN UK VIEW, MAIN DIFFICULTY WITH PAPER, AND A BASIC QUESTION WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE PROCEEDING VERY FAR ON AERIAL

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INSPECTION, IS OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT. HE POINTED OUT THAT STAFF GROUP DRAFT SUGGESTS (PARA 5) THAT USE OF EITHER OWN AIRCRAFT OR THOSE OF HOST COUNTRY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. UK DISAGREED WITH THIS FINDING, AND NOTED THAT BOTH U.S. OCTOBER 5 PAPER ON OVERT INSPECTION AS WELL AS SHAPE ASSESSMENTS ATTACHED TO STAFF GROUP DRAFT CLEARLY FAVOR USE OF OWN AIRCRAFT FOR AERIAL INSPECTION. IS REP (GUSSMAN) COUNTERED THAT IN CURRENT DRAFT OF SPC'S VERIFICATION PAPER (PARA 31), ALLIES HAD APPARENTLY AGREED THAT INSPECTORS WOULD FLY ABOARD HOST COUNTRY AIRCRAFT.ALTHOUGH UK REP NOTED THERE WAS NOW A QUALIFYING (UK SPONSORED) FOOTNOTE TO THIS PARAGRAPH, IS REP REMINDED THAT LANGUAGE IN QUESTION REMAINS UNBRACKETED.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF EITHER APPROACH, FRG REP (DZIALAS) SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO INTRO-DUCE ALLIED EQUIPMENT ON PACT AIRCARFT FOR TECHNICAL AS WELL AS SECURITY REASONS. UK REP AGREED AND SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE THREE CHOICES OPEN:

A. USE OF OWN AIRCRAFT WITH OWN EQUIPMENT (UK PREFERENCES);

B. USE OF ADVERSARY AIRCRAFT WITH OWN EQUIPMENT (PROBABLY (UNFEASIBLE);

C. USE OF ADVERSARY AIRCRAFT WITH ADVERSARY EQUIPMENT (LIKELY TO BE MUCH LESS EFFECTIVE SINCE SUBJECT TO ADVERSARY MANIPULATION).

4. CHAIRMAN (SMITH) SAID THAT QUESTION OF ALLOWING ADVERSARY AIRCRAFT TO OPERATE OVER NATIONAL TERRITORY WAS A POLITICAL DECISION, AND THAT THEREFORE STAFF GROUP HAD NOT PURSUED IT IN CONTEXT OF PRESENT PAPER. IF WG WISHED TO CONSIDER FURTHER THIRD ALTERNATIVE, HE PROPOSED TO OBTAIN SPC RULING. BELGIAN REP (BURNY) THOUGHT CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL MIGHT BE PREMATURE, AND SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES SHOULD REFLECT FURTHER ON UK POINTS. U.S. REP SUGGESTED, AND
OTHERS AGREED, THAT REPS GO BACK TO CAPITALS FOR CLARIFICATION.
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WG THEREUPON AGREED TO COME BACK TO ISSUE ON APRIL 23.

4. APPRECIATE WASHINGTON REACTIONS.
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